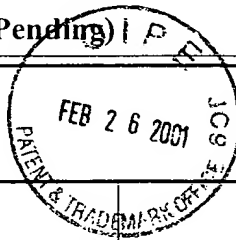


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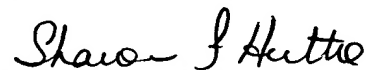
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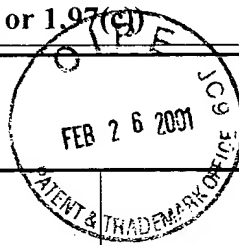
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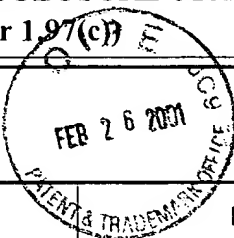
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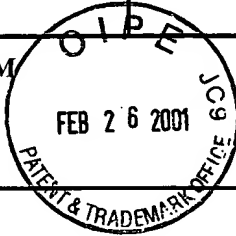
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The following references are believed to be relevant to the subject application:

1. U.S. Pat. 6,075,857 issued June 13, 2000 to Doss, Jr. et al., for MOTOR CYCLE HELMET HEADSET, discloses a protective helmet for motorcycle riders, including an integrated microphone and receiver.

2. U.S. Pat. 5,771,305 issued June 23, 1998 to Davis, for REMOVABLE BAG FOR MOUNTING OF STEREO SYSTEM ON TWO-WHEELED VEHICLE, discloses a compartmentalized bag for releasably mounting a receiver and speakers on the handlebars, or the like, of a motorcycle.

3. U.S. Pat. 5,505,493 issued April 9, 1996 to Camfield et al., for BICYCLE WITH SIMULATED MOTORCYCLE PARTS, discloses a bicycle carrying gas tank, fenders, fairings, and engine that simulate that of a motorcycle.

4. U.S. Pat. 5,243,659 issued September 7, 1993 to Stafford et al., for MOTORCYCLE STEREO AUDIO SYSTEM WITH VOX INTERCOM, discloses a communication system for use by motorcycle riders that allows listening to radio broadcasts, while not prohibiting intercom use.

5. U.S. Pat. 5,222,752 issued June 29, 1993 to Hewitt, for FAIRING AND UTILITY ASSEMBLY FOR BICYCLES, discloses front- and rear-mounted lights and stereo equipment for use on bicycles.

6. U.S. Pat. 5,119,505 issued June 2, 1992 to Tisseront et al., for PROTECTIVE HELMET WITH REMOVABLE PROTECTIVE LINING FOR CUSHIONING RADIO CIRCUITRY, discloses a radio system mounted within the lining of a helmet.

7. U.S. Pat. 5,001,779 issued March 19, 1991 to Eggert et al., for MOUNTING ARRANGEMENT FOR MOTORCYCLE STEREO SYSTEM, discloses a package carrying a radio and speakers that may be mounted on the gas tank of a motorcycle.

8. U.S. Pat. 4,981,243 issued January 1, 1991 to Rogowski, for AUDIO EQUIPMENT CARRIER ASSEMBLY FOR HANDLEBARS, discloses a bicycle handlebar-mounted carrier for use with a Walkman-style personal radio.

9. U.S. Pat. 4,974,759 issued December 4, 1990 to McDonough, for RADIO/PLAYER ASSEMBLY, discloses a bicycle frame-mounted holder for radio and speakers.

10. U.S. Pat. 4,856,364 issued August 15, 1989 to Dixon, for HANDLEBAR DEVICE FOR CONTAINING A PORTABLE RADIO APPARATUS, discloses a bicycle handlebar-mounted radio and a system of integrating the control elements and speakers within the handgrips of the handlebars.

11. U.S. Pat. 4,768,870 issued September 6, 1988 to Chen, for COMBINED LOUDSPEAKER AND MOTORCYCLE DRIVING MIRROR, discloses an audio speaker mounted behind a driving mirror, within the driving mirror casing.

12. U.S. Pat. 4,754,901 issued July 5, 1988 to Villanueva et al., for STEREOPHONIC AUDIO EQUIPMENT CARRIER, discloses an audio equipment carrier, with rearwardly facing speakers and a platform formed as a unitary structure, mounted on the handlebars of a bicycle.

13. U.S. Pat. 4,756,454 issued July 12, 1988 to Villanueva et al., for STEREOPHONIC AUDIO EQUIPMENT CARRIER, discloses an audio equipment carrier, with rearwardly facing speakers, mounted on the handlebars of a bicycle.

14. U.S. Pat. 4,600,208 issued July 15, 1986 to Morishima, for SPEAKER SYSTEM FOR MOTORCYCLES, discloses a pair of upwardly-directed audio speakers mounted on the frame of a motorcycle.

15. U.S. Pat. 4,524,461 issued June 18, 1985 to Kostanty et al., for HELMET-SUPPORTED RADIO TRANSCEIVER AND BROADCAST RECEIVER SYSTEM, discloses circuitry for a communication system for motorcycle riders that allows listening to radio broadcasts, while not prohibiting intercom use.

16. U.S. Pat. 4,445,228 issued April 24, 1984 to Bruni, for MOTORCYCLE AUDIO SYSTEM, discloses a handlebar-mounted stereo system for a motorcycle, with audio speakers mounted beside the driving mirrors, within the driving mirror casings.

17. U.S. Pat. 4,436,350 issued March 13, 1984 to Jolin, for HOUSING AND RELATED MOUNTING SYSTEM FOR STEREO SYSTEMS ON MOTORCYCLES, discloses an adjustable handlebar-mounted stereo system for motorcycles that does not interfere with viewing the speedometer, tachometer, or the like.

18. U.S. Pat. Des. 268, 403 issued March 29, 1983 to Masterson, for COMBINED RADIO AND SPEAKER HOUSING UNITS FOR A MOTORCYCLE, discloses an ornamental design for a combined radio/speaker housing.

19. <http://www.motorcycle.com/mo/mccustom/corbinvalk.html> for CORBIN VALKYRIE CUSTOM, discloses a "saddlebag"-contained stereo system for a "cruising"-style motorcycle

No attempt has been made to identify every relevant feature in the documents listed. The attached documents may contain relevant information other than that which caused them to be selected and may be of interest with respect to one or more features of the applicant's invention(s). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to review the documents identified and to form his or her own conclusions regarding the relevance thereof.

It is believed that the attached documents do not disclose or make obvious applicant's invention(s). Accordingly, examination of the claims on the merits and allowance of the application are earnestly requested.